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In re application of:

WILLIAM P. APPS ET AL

Serial No. 09/439,427

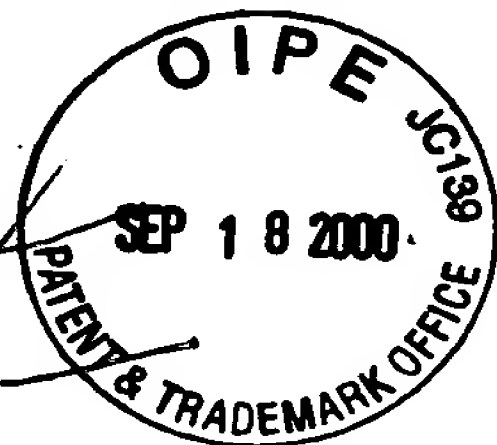
Filed: November 15, 1999

For: PLASTIC PALLET

Attorney Docket No.: RPC 0491 PUS

Group Art Unit: 3636

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**In the Specification**

Under the section entitled "Cross-reference to Related Application" added by Preliminary Amendment dated November 15, 1999, please amend as follows:

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This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/004,389 filed on January 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,006,677 issued December 28, 1999.

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In re application of: William P. Apps et al.	Serial No.: 09/439,427	Filed: Nov. 15, 1999
Title: Plastic Pallet		

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

       Small entity status of the application under 37 C.F.R. § § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Verified Statement previously submitted.

       A Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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